

## 4.11 RECREATION

This EIR section analyzes the potential for adverse impacts on existing recreational facilities and opportunities and the expansion of recreational facilities resulting from implementation of the proposed project. The Initial Study/Notice of Preparation (IS/NOP [Appendix 1]) identified the potential for impacts associated with the construction of the proposed project, which could contribute to adverse physical impacts. Data used to prepare this section were taken from the City's General Plan Recreation and Community Services Element, in addition to previous environmental documentation prepared for the City such as the Master Environmental Impact Report for Master Plan of Recreation Uses for Central Park (Central Park Master Plan EIR). Full bibliographic entries for all reference materials are provided in Section 4.11.5 (References) at the end of this section.

All comments received in response to the Initial Study/Notice of Preparation (IS/NOP) circulated for the proposed project were taken in to consideration during preparation of this Environmental Impact Report, and if relevant, have been addressed in this section or others within this document.

### 4.11.1 Environmental Setting

Recreational opportunities within the City consist of parks, golf courses, and coastal amenities, including approximately nine miles of coastal parks and beaches.

#### ■ Parks and Recreational Facilities

##### *Huntington Central Park*

Huntington Central Park is the largest city-owned park in Orange County, covering over 350 acres of land. This setting of open grass fields and extensive tree and flower plantings is used for various activities such as picnics, biking, playing, and walking. Amenities at the park include a fire ring, picnic facility, campgrounds, four playgrounds, nature center, fishing, disc golf, sports complex, horseshoes, lakes, equestrian center and trails, dog park, amphitheater, exercise course, and four restaurants.<sup>82</sup>

Central Park offers plenty of activities and events all year round for all ages, such as sports tournaments, dog and car shows, cross-country racing events, and a jumper show at the equestrian center. The park is also rated the top location for bird watching by various magazines and Huntington Beach's bird community.<sup>83</sup>

#### Project Site

The proposed project is located within an undeveloped 14-acre area west of the intersection of Goldenwest Street and Talbert Avenue, within the Huntington Beach Central Park. The project site is

<sup>82</sup> Huntington Beach, City of. 2007. Parks and Facilities website. [http://www.surfcity-hb.org/Residents/Parks\\_Facilities/parks/huntington\\_central\\_park/index.cfm](http://www.surfcity-hb.org/Residents/Parks_Facilities/parks/huntington_central_park/index.cfm). Accessed April 24, 2007.

<sup>83</sup> Ibid.

approximately 5 acres within the southern portion of this undeveloped area, and is vacant and generally flat.

The site is bordered on the east by a slope ascending up to Goldenwest Street and on the south by a slope ascending up to the disc golf course facility. There is one existing temporary disc golf hole located at the southern boundary of the site that would be relocated back to the official permanent disc golf course area located immediately south of the project site, in order to maintain an 18-hole disc golf course. The project site is not currently used for any other recreational uses.

### ***Other Parks and Recreational Facilities***

The City of Huntington Beach's Office of Parks, Trees, and Landscape operates 70 parks totaling approximately 750 acres, 169 playground apparatus, and irrigation systems.<sup>84</sup> The locations and acreages of these parks are provided in Table 4.11-1 below. Many of the parks have grass fields and landscaping devoted to sports, picnicking, and general enjoyment of the outdoor environment. The City classifies these parks into four categories, based primarily on their size, as follows:

- **Mini Park**—Consists of less than one acre and intended to serve the immediate neighborhood in which they are located; provides passive open space and buffering from adjacent developments, with walking paths and benches; e.g., Booster Park, French Park, and Tarbox Park.
- **Neighborhood Park**—Usually two and a half to 5 acres in size and are intended to serve a 0.25 to 0.5 mile radius; planned for the activities of children from age five to 15; centrally located in a neighborhood and often adjacent to a school; e.g., Arevalos Park, Conrad Park, Lambert Park, Hawes Park, Burke Park, and Wieder Park.
- **Community Park**—Designed to serve several neighborhoods within a one- to one and a half-mile radius and ranging from approximately ten to 40 acres in size; planned for youths and adults and hosts a wider range of activities than smaller parks; e.g., Edison Park, Murdy Park, Chris Carr Park, Gisler Park, Langenbeck Park, and Marina Park.
- **Regional Park**—Larger than 40 acres and serves a large regional area up to a 30- or 40-mile radius; provides special recreational opportunities such as camping, equestrian centers, nature preserves, trails, and lakes; e.g., Huntington Central Park and Blufftop Park.

**Table 4.11-1 Huntington Beach Park and Open Space Inventory**

	<i>Park Name</i>	<i>Park Type</i>	<i>Address/Location</i>	<i>Total Acreage</i>	<i>Improved Acreage</i>	<i>Unimproved Acreage</i>
<b>Parks</b>						
1	Arevalos Park	N	10441 Shalom Dr.	3.00	3.00	0.00
2	Baca	C	7200 Sherwood	10.00	10.00	0.00
3	Bailey Park	M	SWC Evening Hill Dr. & Sicily Cir.	0.50	0.50	0.00
4	Bartlett Park	C	Coldwater Ln. Between Yorktown & Adams	30.00	2.00	28.00
5	Bluff Top Park	R	9th St. North to Bolsa Chica State Beach	20.00	14.80	5.20
6	Bolsa View Park	N	NEC Brighton Dr. & Crestmoor Ln.	2.70	2.70	0.00
7	Booster Park	M	NWC Finisterre Dr. & Baruna Ln.	0.70	0.70	0.00

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8	Burke Park	N	9700 Levee Dr.	2.50	2.50	0.00
9	Bushard Park	N	9691 Warburton Dr.	2.00	2.00	0.00
10	Chris Carr Park	C	SEC Springdale St. & Heil Ave.	11.20	11.20	0.00
11	Circle View Park	N	6261 Hooker Dr.	2.00	2.00	0.00
12	Clegg/Stacey Park	N	6311 Larchwood Dr.	3.00	3.00	0.00
13	College View Park	N	NWC Edgemont Dr. & Redlands Ln.	2.20	2.20	0.00
14	Conrad Park	N	Between Aquarius & Venture Dr.	3.00	3.00	0.00
15	Davenport Beach	M	Davenport Island	0.30	0.30	0.00
16	Discovery Well Park	N	Summit St. & Golden West St.	8.00	8.00	0.00
17	Drew Park	N	Newberry Dr. & Cape Cottage Ln.	2.60	2.60	0.00
18	Eader Park	N	9291 Banning Ave.	2.70	2.70	0.00
19	Edison Community Park	C	21377 Magnolia St.	40.54	40.54	0.00
20	Farquhar Park	N	SWC Main St. & 12th St.	3.00	3.00	0.00
21	Finley Park	M	NWC Palm Ave. & Island Bay Ln.	0.50	0.50	0.00
22	Franklin Park	N	14422 Hammon Ln.	2.00	2.00	0.00
23	French Park	M	3482 Venture Dr.	0.30	0.30	0.00
24	Gibbs Park	N	W/Side Graham St. South of Heil Ave.	6.60	6.60	0.00
25	Gisler Park	C	9700 Bluefield Dr.	11.70	11.70	0.00
26	Glen View Park	N	6721 Glen Dr.	3.00	3.00	0.00
27	Golden View Park	N	17251 Golden View Ln.	2.50	2.50	0.00
28	Green Park	N		4.00	4.00	0.00
29	Greer Park	C	N & S/sides McFadden Ave. at Dawson Ln.	15.00	15.00	0.00
30	Harbour View Park	N	4343 Pickwick Cir.	3.50	3.50	0.00
31	Haven View Park	N	16081 Waikiki Ln.	3.00	3.00	0.00
32	Hawes Park	N	9082 Yellowstone Dr.	2.70	2.70	0.00
33	Helme Park	N	18001 Chapel Ln.	2.00	2.00	0.00
34	Hope View Park	N	17622 Flinstone Ln.	3.70	3.70	0.00
35	Humboldt Beach	M	Humboldt Island	0.30	0.30	0.00
36	Huntington Central Park	R		356.00	266.00	90.00
37	Irby Park	N	Heil Ave. SW Patricia Ln. & Ruth Dr.	11.00	3.00	8.00
38	Lake Park	N	SW Lake & 12th Streets	4.20	4.20	0.00
39	Lake View Park	N	17451 Zieder Ln.	3.00	3.00	0.00
40	Lamb Park	N	Yorktown and Ward	2.60	0.00	2.60
41	Lambert Park	N	18021 Newland St.	3.50	3.50	0.00
42	Langenbeck Park	C	SW of Garfield Ave. on Magnolia St.	17.00	17.00	0.00
43	Lark View Park	N	17200 Pinehurst Ln.	2.70	2.70	0.00
44	LeBard Park	N	20451 Craimer Ln.	5.00	5.00	0.00
45	Manning Park	N	SWC Delaware St. & Detroit Ave.	2.50	2.50	0.00
46	Marina Park	C	15871 Springdale St.	11.50	11.50	0.00
47	Marine View Park	N	17442 Frans Ln.	3.00	3.00	0.00

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48	McCallen Park	N	SE Yorktown Ave. & Huntington St.	5.50	5.50	0.00
49	Moffett Park	N	8800 Burlcrest Dr.	2.40	2.40	0.00
50	Murdy Park	C	7000 Norma Dr.	16.50	16.50	0.00
51	Newland Park	N	19702 Topeka Ln.	3.00	3.00	0.00
52	Oak View Center Park	N	17261 Oak Ln.	2.20	2.20	0.00
53	O.C. Reg. (Wieder)	R	Seapoint Ave & Garfield	26.00	4.00	22.00
54	Pattinson Park	N	6200 Palm Ave.	3.50	3.50	0.00
55	Perry Park	N	8172 Deauville Dr.	2.00	2.00	0.00
56	Pleasant View Park	N	16442 Landau Ln.	2.00	2.00	0.00
57	Prince Park	M	3302 Ventura Dr.	0.20	0.20	0.00
58	Robinwood Park	N	5172 McFadden Ave.	2.00	2.00	0.00
59	Schroeder Park	N	15151 Columbia Ln.	2.50	2.50	0.00
60	Seabridge Park	N	3222 Countess Dr.	3.80	3.80	0.00
61	Seeley Park	N	SW Hamilton Ave.	3.40	3.40	0.00
62	Sowers Park	N	9272 Indianapolis St.	2.40	2.40	0.00
63	Sun View Park	N	7721 Juliette Lowe Ln.	2.50	2.50	0.00
64	Talbert Park	N	19222 Magnolia St.	5.70	5.70	0.00
65	Tarbox Park	M	Corner of Wellington Dr. & Melville Cir.	0.50	0.50	0.00
66	Terry Park	N	7761 Taylor Dr.	5.50	5.50	0.00
67	Trinidad	M	3601 Sagamore Dr.	0.70	0.70	0.00
68	Wardlow Park	N	9191 Pioneer Dr.	8.30	8.30	0.00
69	Wieder Park	N	NEC Lynn & Pearce Sts.	5.00	5.00	0.00
70	Worthy Community Park	C	SWC 17th & Main Sts/S of Utica Ave.	12.00	12.00	0.00
Subtotal of Parks				750.34	594.54	155.80
Beaches						
71	City Owned	R	Beach Blvd. to Main St.	65.25		
72	City Leased		Main St. N to Seapoint Ave.	85.57		
Subtotal of Beaches				150.82		
Golf Course						
73	Meadowlark GC	S	16782 Graham St.	98.00		
Subtotal of Golf Course				98.00		
Total of all Parks and Open Space				999.16		

SOURCE: City of Huntington Beach, written communication from Community Services Department, August 17, 2007.

M=Mini Parks

N=Neighborhood Parks

C=Community Parks

R=Regional Parks

As shown above, in addition to the 750 acres of parks and public facilities, the 98-acre Meadowlark Golf Course as well as approximately 150 acres of beach and open space areas provide for a total of approximately 1,000 acres of recreational space within Huntington Beach.<sup>85</sup>

The General Plan has established a “parkland to population” ratio of 5 acres per 1,000 persons. With an estimated 2007 City population of 202,250 residents according to the State Department of Finance, the City currently has a ratio of approximately 5.0 acres of parkland per 1,000 persons, which meets the City’s adopted park standard.<sup>86</sup> In addition, two 2-acre parks are currently under construction for the Newland Street residential development and the Pacific City development, which have not been incorporated into the City’s existing park acreage.<sup>87</sup>

The City also has rental facilities available to the public. Rooms and large halls can be rented for various occasions, and such facilities include the Municipal Art Center, City Gym and Pool, Murdy Community Center, Edison Community Center, the existing Michael E. Rodgers Senior Center as well as three clubhouses, Harbor View Clubhouse, Lakeview Clubhouse, and Lake Park Clubhouse. The City’s Newland Barn, located within Bartlett Park, also has a hall with historical gardens and gazebo available for rent.<sup>88</sup>

## ■ Beaches

In addition to the 750 acres of parkland, the City also has 150 acres of public beach that serve as a recreational resource for residents and visitors<sup>89</sup>. Huntington Beach contains approximately 9 miles of sandy beach shoreline area, including the Bolsa Chica and Huntington State Beaches, operated by the California State Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), and the Huntington City Beach, operated by the City. These resources provide regional recreational opportunities, which include swimming, surfing, bodysurfing, sunbathing, skin and scuba diving, and sand volleyball. The beaches, particularly Huntington City Beach near the Municipal Pier, have been the sites of many national and international sporting events, including surfing, volleyball, and skateboarding competitions. Huntington Beach is known as one of the best surfing areas on the west coast, and has earned the nickname “Surf City, USA.” Its renowned surf is a result of the shoreline’s long, gradually sloped beach gradient and location in relation to ocean swells.

## ■ Trails and Bikeways

The City has an extensive trail system that can be used by bicyclists, roller bladers, joggers, and strollers. A Class I trail (Bike Path) runs the entire length of the beach, parallel to PCH, and is linked to the regional Santa Ana Bikeway, which is also a Class I trail. These trails are also part of the Orange County

<sup>85</sup> Dominguez, David. 2007. Facilities, Development & Concessions. Personal correspondence, May 30.

<sup>86</sup> State of California, Department of Finance, E-1 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State with Annual Percent Change — January 1, 2006 and 2007. Sacramento, California, May 2007.

<sup>87</sup> Dominguez, David. 2007. Facilities, Development & Concessions. Personal correspondence, May 30.

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<sup>89</sup> Huntington Beach, City of. 2007. Parks website. [http://www.surfcity-hb.org/Residents/Parks\\_Facilities/parks/index.cfm](http://www.surfcity-hb.org/Residents/Parks_Facilities/parks/index.cfm). Accessed April 24, 2007.

Master Plan of Regional Riding and Hiking. Several east/west Class II bikeways (Bike Lanes) run throughout the City as well, connecting to both of the Class I bike paths. Bike lanes provide a striped lane for one-way travel on a street or highway and signs indicating the bicycle route.

## 4.11.2 Regulatory Framework

### ■ Federal

There are no federal regulations related to recreation that apply to the proposed project.

### ■ State

There are no State regulations related to recreation that apply to the proposed project.

### ■ Local

#### *General Plan Recreation and Community Service Element*

The City of Huntington Beach Recreation and Community Services Element is concerned with identifying, maintaining, and enhancing local parks and recreational services and facilities. Applicable goals and policies of this element include the following:

**Goal RCS 1** Enrich the quality of life for all citizens of Huntington Beach by providing constructive and creative leisure opportunities.

**Objective RCS 1.1** Encourage recreational opportunities unique to Huntington Beach which will enhance visitation and economic development.

**Policy RCS 1.1.1** Provide leisure opportunities through programs and activities that serve the general population as well as the specialized needs of the disabled, children, and elderly.

**Goal RCS 2** Provide adequately sized and located active and passive parklands to meet the recreational needs of existing and future residents, and to preserve natural resources within the City of Huntington Beach and its sphere of influence.

**Objective RCS 2.1** Create an integrated park system that is complementary to existing and proposed development as well as the natural environment.

**Policy RCS 2.1.1** Maintain the current park per capita ratio of 5.0 acres per 1,000 persons, which includes the beach in the calculation.

**Goal RCS 3** Develop park sites to provide diverse recreational and sports facilities that meet the residents' and visitors' active and passive recreational needs.

**Objective RCS 3.1** Incorporate recreation features and facilities responsive to the preferences of the resident population bases that will utilize the services.

- Policy RCS 3.1.1** Design neighborhood park features and facilities that are responsive to the recreational preferences expressed by the park users and local neighborhood residents.
  - Policy RCS 3.1.2** Provide a variety of amenities within recreation areas in order to accommodate persons with different interests.
  - Policy RCS 3.1.6** Design recreational facilities to the accessibility requirements as specified in State and Federal laws such as the *American Disabilities Act* (ADA) standards for accessibility.
  - Policy RCS 3.1.7** Develop and/or retrofit park and recreation sites in ways which maximize efficiency and minimizes maintenance cost.
- Goal RCS 7** Operate and maintain City parks and recreation facilities in the most safe, effective, and efficient manner.
- Objective RCS 7.1** Enhance park and recreation sites in ways which maximize efficiency and minimize maintenance cost.
- Policy RCS 7.1.1** Design recreation facilities and programs that are functional, efficient, and affordable.

## Consistency Analysis

The proposed project includes the development of an approximately 45,000-square-foot (sf) senior center building with multi-use recreational rooms and outdoor patio and recreation areas. The proposed project would be developed and maintained by the City, and would be accessible to all residents of the City. Recreational facilities would be designed in accordance with all applicable laws, including the ADA. The senior center and associated amenities would provide the City with an expanded recreational resource for senior citizens and other users to meet existing and future demand, as described in Section 3.3.1 (Project Description). Implementation of the proposed project would not conflict with any of the applicable General Plan policies.

## *General Plan Environmental Resources/Conservation Element*

Goals and Policies listed in the Environmental Resources/Conservation Element of the General Plan have been developed to minimize potential impacts to biological resources. Those goals and policies of this element that are applicable to the proposed project include the following:

- Goal ERC 1** Improve and enhance the overall aesthetic value and appearance of the City of Huntington Beach through the provision and maintenance of local public and private open space.
- Objective ERC 1.1** Provide a quality open space network that is spatially distributed throughout all areas of the City.
- Policy ERC 1.1.1** Encourage the provision of open space elements within the larger-scale development

projects including but not limited to public plazas, entry courts, and planned development common areas.

## Consistency Analysis

The 5-acre project site is within the City's Central Park. Although the site is designated as open space, the area is undeveloped and barren, in sharp contrast to the surrounding areas of parkland. Although not necessarily considered a large-scale development, implementation of the proposed project would include an open space component situated to the west of the proposed facility nearest to the adjacent passive parkland uses, as well as courtyards and landscaping/planting pocket areas. Although development of the proposed project would result in a reduction of overall open space within Central Park through construction of the senior center facility, the proposed development would improve and enhance the aesthetic and recreational value of the site compared to its existing conditions. As such, the proposed project would not conflict with the applicable General Plan goals and policies.

### 4.11.3 Project Impacts and Mitigation

#### ■ Analytic Method

For the purposes of this analysis, implementation of the proposed project would be determined to have an adverse physical effect on the environment if construction activities on the project site would have an adverse impact on various resources analyzed in this EIR.

#### ■ Thresholds of Significance

The following thresholds of significance are based on Appendix G to the 2007 CEQA Guidelines. For purposes of this EIR, implementation of the proposed project may have a significant adverse impact if it would do any of the following:

- Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated
- Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment

#### ■ Effects Not Found to Be Significant

The following issue areas were determined to result in less-than-significant or no impacts according to the Initial Study prepared for the project.

Threshold	Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood, community and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?
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The proposed project includes the construction of a 45,000 sf senior center on a vacant site within Central Park to replace the existing 14,505 sf senior center located at 1706 Orange Avenue. As such, the overall level of recreational opportunities within the City would increase as a result of the proposed

project. The proposed project does not include any residential or other non-residential use which might directly or indirectly increase area population and, subsequently, use of local or regional recreational facilities. There is one existing temporary disc golf hole located at the southern boundary of the project site. This hole would be relocated back to the official permanent disc golf course area located immediately south of the project site. As the proposed project would not increase the use of existing recreational facilities such that a substantial physical deterioration would occur, and because the project would involve the relocation of one of the 18 existing disc golf holes back to the official course, impacts are considered less than significant, and no further analysis is required.

## ■ Impacts and Mitigation Measures

Threshold	Would the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?
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**Impact 4.11-1      Implementation of the proposed project would result in the construction of recreational facilities; however, construction of the recreational facilities would not result in an adverse physical effect on the environment.**

Development of the proposed project would result in the addition of a recreational facility on a currently vacant 5-acre area of land in Central Park. The construction impacts anticipated to result from implementation of the proposed project are analyzed throughout the technical sections (Sections 4.01 through 4.13) of this EIR. As described throughout Chapter 4 (Environmental Analysis) of this EIR, construction and operational activities on the project site could have an adverse impact on various sources.

As indicated in Impact 4.2-2 in Section 4.2 (Air Quality), daily construction activities could generate emissions that exceed SCAQMD thresholds, which would result in a potentially significant impact. In addition, Impact 4.3-1 in Section 4.3 (Biological Resources) indicates that construction activities at the project site could impact a non-listed, special-status species. Construction of the proposed project would also result in potentially significant impacts to cultural resources (Section 4.4) as described in Impacts 4.4-1-1 through 4.4-3. Additionally, construction activities would temporarily increase soil exposure to wind and water erosion as described in Impacts 4.5-2 and 4.5-3 in Section 4.5 (Geology and Soils). Further, grading and excavation activities associated with project development at the project site could result in the exposure of construction personnel and the public to previously unknown hazardous substances in the soil, as well as possibly resulting in damage to existing oil wells, as depicted in Impact 4.6-1 in Section 4.6 (Hazards and Hazardous Materials). Noise activities would result in short term increase in noise levels, although these noise levels would be within allowable limits as discussed in Impacts 4.9-1 and 4.9-2 in Section 4.9 (Noise). As such, the impacts resulting from construction of the proposed project would be considered potentially significant. Implementation of construction-related applicable mitigation measures as described in the above-referenced sections would reduce impacts to less-than-significant levels.

The following mitigation measure related to impacts associated with construction of recreational facilities was initially identified in the Central Park Master Plan EIR. The language in this measure has been

modified for this project to reflect project-specific components of the proposed senior center where necessary, although the intent remains the same. The original measures from the Central Park Master Plan EIR appear in Table 4-1 of this EIR.

For the purposes of this document, the City shall implement mitigation measure MM 4.11-1, which would ensure that measures set forth in the Central Park Master Plan EIR are carried over:

**MM 4.11-1** (This MM is Measure Recreation-1 from the Central Park Master Plan EIR)

*At least thirty days prior to construction, the City of Huntington Beach shall post signs in the vicinity of the project site indicating the proposed construction schedule of the senior center facility (including location and hours of operation) and shall complete the permanent relocation of the disc golf course hole located at the southern boundary of the site back to the official disc golf course.*

Therefore, effects of construction activities associated with implementation of the proposed project (a recreational facility) would be ***less than significant***.

Threshold	Would the project affect existing recreational opportunities?
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**Impact 4.11-2 Implementation of the proposed project would not affect existing passive recreational opportunities.**

This threshold was initially scoped out in the IS/NOP, but due to concerns regarding the potential affects to passive recreation uses within Central Park, an analysis of this impact was determined necessary for the EIR.

Although there are no currently designed uses for the project site, the 1999 Master EIR analyzed the project site for development of passive recreational uses. This use was never implemented and the site remains undeveloped. However, informal use occurs as park users walk through the site for access to the developed parkland and pedestrian path just west of the project site. In addition, nearby schools occasionally use the area as part of a larger cross-country route through Central Park, and incidental remote control vehicle use occurs on the site.

The total acreage for Central Park is 356 acres, of which 125 acres have been developed or planned for active use. These active use areas include the Sports Complex, Central Library, equestrian center, dog park, and the Parks Trees and Landscape yard. Other active use areas included in the total are miscellaneous facilities within Central Park, including the bandstand, amphitheatre, restaurants, the youth shelter and Adventure Playground. The remaining 231 acres of Central Park have been developed or planned for passive uses. As such, Central Park is divided into approximately 65 percent passive use areas and 35 percent active use areas. The loss of 5 acres for the proposed senior center site would only constitute a 2 percent loss of passive use area within the park. Additionally, there are four neighborhood parks within 1 mile of Central Park that are passive in nature. These include Baca Park (10 acres), Terry Park (5.5 acres), Green Park (4 acres) and Discovery Well Park (8 acres).

With respect to existing incidental uses that occur onsite, development of the proposed project would not preclude nearby schools from utilizing the existing trails throughout Central Park for cross country training, and the proposed project would include an accessible ramp along the new driveway (on the

earthen berm) that could be used to access the formal path west of the site. Therefore, because implementation of the proposed project would not affect the existing recreational opportunities that surround the project site, and because development of the proposed project would not result in a substantial impact on passive recreation uses within Central Park, the loss of 5 acres of passive use is considered a *less-than-significant* impact.

#### 4.11.4 Cumulative Impacts

The geographic context for the analysis of cumulative recreation impacts includes the City of Huntington Beach. The analysis accounts for all anticipated cumulative growth within this geographic area, as represented by development of the related projects within the City of Huntington Beach provided in Table 3-4 (Cumulative Projects) in Chapter 3 (Project Description).

Development of the related projects in the City of Huntington Beach could result in construction of recreational facilities that might have an adverse effect on the environment, particularly with regard to air quality and noise during construction. Improvements to existing recreational facilities could also result in significant adverse environmental impacts. However, with implementation of best management practices and mitigation measures, as well as compliance with the City noise ordinance and limitation of construction hours as contained in the Municipal Code, these impacts would not be considered significant on a cumulative basis. No significant adverse environmental impacts would be anticipated on a cumulative basis with respect to operation of new recreational facilities within the City and the cumulative impact would be less than significant. The proposed project's contribution to these cumulative impacts would not be cumulatively considerable and would be less than significant.

Implementation of related projects is not anticipated to have a cumulative effect on existing recreational opportunities that exist within the City. Although two of the projects identified in Table 3-4 (Cumulative Projects) are located within Central Park specifically, implementation of these projects would not result in negative impacts to passive recreation opportunities. Instead, the Gun Range project would actually provide additional recreation opportunities (although it is not presently known whether the site would be passive or active use) with clean-up and reuse of the site, and the Talbert Lake Diversion project would have no effect on such uses. Additional cumulative projects in the City would also not result in impacts to recreation opportunities, as new development projects are required to either provide adequate parkland onsite or pay applicable in-lieu fees related to recreation. Consequently, the cumulative impact would be less than significant, and the proposed project's contribution would not be cumulatively considerable and would also be less than significant.

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